

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to methods for regulating the condition of mammalian keratinous tissue wherein the methods each comprise the step of topically applying to the keratinous tissue of a mammal needing such treatment, a safe and effective amount of a skin care composition comprising:

- a) a safe and effective amount of a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, and derivatives;
- b) a safe and effective amount of one or more skin care active selected from the group consisting of sugar amine, vitamin B<sub>3</sub>, retinoid, peptide, phytosterol, butylated hydroxytoluene and butylated hydroxyanisole, their derivatives, and combinations thereof; and
- c) a dermatologically acceptable carrier for the hexamidine and the skin care active.

In additional embodiments, the above composition is suitable for preventing, retarding, and/or treating dark under-eye circles, puffy eyes, sagging, sallowness as well as spider vessels and/or red blotchiness of skin, promoting skin desquamation, exfoliation, and/or turnover, regulating and/or reducing pore size appearance, preventing/retarding tanning, regulating oily/shiny appearance, preventing, retarding, and/or treating hyperpigmentation in mammalian skin, preventing, retarding, and/or treating itchiness of mammalian skin, preventing, retarding, and/or treating dryness of skin, preventing, retarding, and/or treating fine lines and wrinkles, preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin atrophy of mammalian skin, softening and/or smoothing lips, hair and nails of a mammal, and preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of cellulite in mammalian skin.